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possible establishment of SNCC Chapter.

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Title: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

Character: RACIAL MATTER - SNCC

Synopsis:

CHARLES ENLOW KOEN, Midwest Director, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), has held two conferences recently in the Springfield Division, January 28, 1969, at Springfield, and March 1 - 2, 1969, at East St. Louis, Illinois. These conferences were attended by representatives of other militant Negro organizations from Springfield, Illinois; East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; and representatives of SNCC from Cincinnati. Among the purposes of these conferences is the furthering of black nationalism and also the possible uniting of the various militant groups under one coordinating board.

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DETAILS:

On January 27, 1969 [redacted] advised he had learned January 26, 1969, that CHARLES KOEN, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Midwest Director and leader of a group called the National Black Liberators, in St. Louis, Missouri, had contacted Cincinnati, Ohio, SNCC Educational Advisor, LEROY COSTON, January 25, 1969, and requested no more than two leadership representatives in Springfield, Illinois, on January 28, 1969, at twelve noon, purpose of meeting and identity of other invitees unknown.

Further information concerning SNCC is attached hereto.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 5, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Subsequently, on January 27, 1969, [redacted] advised he additionally learned that EDWARD CRAWFORD from Chicago, Illinois, a member of the Deacons For Defense and Justice, which [redacted] described as a highly militant Black Nationalist organization which originated in Louisiana, and also is president of a believed new organization called the National Negro Rifle Association, would also attend the above meeting in Springfield, Illinois.

Also on January 27, 1969 [redacted] through [redacted] advised they could furnish no information regarding the possibility of a Black Power conference in the near future in the Springfield area.

On January 28, 1969 [redacted] advised that all incoming flights into Springfield, Illinois, including those from the Chicago area had been cancelled indefinitely due to poor weather conditions.

Also on January 28, 1969 [redacted] advised that he observed two individuals, both Negro males, approximately 5'10" tall, one described as stocky build with Afro-type hair, the other individual slender build wearing a dark beret, both carrying attache cases, arrive at the Greyhound Bus Station, Springfield, Illinois, on a Crown Transit Bus, at 11:15 a.m. This bus arrived from Cincinnati via Terre Haute, Indiana.

[redacted] further advised these two Negro males ate lunch in the cafeteria at the bus station and subsequently left through the west entrance after making a telephone call. [redacted] advised they went south to Washington Street and walked east on Washington towards 11th Street.

Upon leaving the Greyhound Bus Station, the above mentioned individuals were observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enter a Terminal Cab Company taxicab, number 6, bearing Illinois license 025-192, at the intersection of East Washington and North 11th Streets, Springfield, Illinois. Later, on January 28, 1969, a 1968 yellow Pontiac, two-door, hardtop, bearing 1969 Missouri license ME2-207 was observed in the southeast section of Springfield with four to six Negro occupants.

A check at the Illinois State Police, District 9 Headquarters, Springfield, Illinois, revealed the above automobile is registered to Metropolitan Corporation, 10066 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, Missouri.

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On the evening of January 28, 1969, [redacted] further advised that the two Negro males mentioned above departed from the Springfield Greyhound Bus Depot at 7:15 p.m., for Cincinnati, Ohio, via Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] also advised that at approximately 7:00 p.m., January 28, 1969, ten to twelve Negro males wearing blue berets arrived at the Greyhound Bus Station. Most of these individuals shook hands with the above mentioned Negro males as they were boarding the bus.

On the evening of January 28, 1969 [redacted] advised that the wearing of blue berets is a characteristic of the Springfield Chapter of the Black Egyptians, a militant Negro youth organization.

On January 29, 1969 [redacted] identified from photographs LEROY COSTON, SNCC Educational Advisor from Cincinnati, Ohio, as being one of the two individuals who arrived and eight hours later departed the Greyhound Bus Station at Springfield, Illinois.

On January 29, 1969 [redacted] advised that at approximately 11:30 to 12:00 noon, January 28, 1969, two Negro males were taken in a Terminal Cab Company Taxicab number 6, from 11th and Washington Streets, Springfield, Illinois, to the 1200 block of South 15th Street near the intersection of 15th and Stuart Streets, in a predominantly Negro neighborhood.

Ned Chalker II

On January 30, 1969, [redacted] Aero Rent-A-Car (a division of Metropolitan Corporation), 10066 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that a yellow Pontiac Tempest, Missouri license ME2-207 was rented January 21, 1969, and returned January 29, 1969. It was rented by EDWARD G. CHALKER, II, 3506 2nd Street, SE, Washington, D.C., using an American Express Card and District of Columbia driver's license 2518578 (expires 1969) with description, age 38, 5'10½", 150 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes. He is white. He gave as local address 650 N. 10th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, telephone 271-4023. An additional driver for this car was indicated as HENLAY (possibly HENLEY) FOSTER. He is Negro. This car was driven 530 miles with charges of $80.46.

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CHALKER, with same identification as above, also rented a car with Missouri license KE9-383 with additional driver being JOHN E. CAMPBELL, Negro, 1527 Tudor Drive, East St. Louis, Missouri, telephone 514-4254. This car was rented January 21, and returned January 29. It was driven 462 miles with charges of $70.07.

A third car, Missouri license SG 4762, a two-door Rambler, was also rented by CHALKER, the name on the contract being "NED CHALKER II" with same identifying data as above. [redacted] said that CHALKER is the same in all instances and he may have printed the name, erroneously printing "NED").

The other driver for this car was indicated as FRANK E. BENDER, age 59, Negro, 1633 A St. Louis, East St. Louis, Missouri.

The race of these individuals as given above is from recollection of [redacted]

On January 30, 1969, [redacted] stated he had learned that LEROY COSTON, previously mentioned, and Cincinnati SNCC Program Director, GEORGE HUGHES, were the two representatives who attended the previously described meeting in Springfield, Illinois.

[redacted] stated the meeting took place in the living room of the home of LARRY ISAAC, Prime Minister of the "Black Egyptians", 1201 South 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois, who within the past two months had moved to Springfield from East St. Louis, Illinois, and resides at the above address with his wife and two small children.

[redacted] stated the meeting started at about 3:00 p.m., concluded about 6:45 p.m., was attended by about 28 persons, all Negroes, including several females, and the entire meeting was conducted by CHARLES KOEN, leader of the "National Black Liberators", St. Louis, Missouri, with the exception of a short period of time when the speaking was done by KOEN's assistant, also a "Liberator", name unknown, but described as about 28, 6'2", 225 pounds, medium Afro-haircut, clean shaven, neat, with a 3" circular scar on his right cheek.

[redacted] stated some of the invitees were late in appearing, some departed before the conclusion of the meeting, and some did not appear at all, according to KOEN, such as DAN ALDRIDGE from Detroit, Michigan, two persons from Atlanta, Georgia, one from Memphis, Tennessee, and one from Mississippi. As a result of this the total of 28 in attendance is approximate.

KOEN also stated he had received a telephone call from EDWARD CRAWFORD, who told KOEN that because of inclement weather the planes were grounded, and it would be impossible for CRAWFORD to attend the meeting.

[redacted] stated that at the inception of the meeting KOEN stated that for obvious reasons there would be absolutely no note taking, and unless some of the attendees were already known to each other, no one would be introduced to anyone else beyond a first name basis.

[redacted] stated he recalled that as far as attendance by groups or organizations, the meeting was attended as follows:

(5) "National Black Liberators" from St. Louis, Missouri, including KOEN, composed of three men and two women, who were among the last to arrive at the meeting.

(10) "Black Egyptians" from East St. Louis, Ill.

(3) "Black Egyptians" from Springfield, Illinois.

(8) "War Lords" from East St. Louis, Illinois.

(4) "Vice Lords" from Peoria, Illinois.

[redacted] stated there were three persons, including one woman, who were identified only as students from a college near Springfield, Illinois, with a name [redacted] stated sounded like "Cardon" or "Cordon".

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[redacted] stated that five of the "Black Egyptians", and four or five of the "War Lords", both from East St. Louis, Illinois, departed from the meeting about one hour before the conclusion.

With regard to the meeting proper [redacted] stated KOEN set forth the following general purposes, and, thereafter, returned to expand on several of the points:

1. To get acquainted with our fellow revolutionaries in different, yet immediately adjacent, territories or areas.

2. Although from different areas, to recognize that it is a common system and a common enemy everywhere.

3. Discuss the divide and conquer policy of the system.

4. Discuss plans to move against the enemy.

5. Discuss bond and court expenses.

6. Roles of the groups and communications.

7. Discuss national meetings of the groups from all areas.

8. Discuss establishment of a central office for their (Midwest) area.

KOEN stated one of the main elements of a "revolution" is for the revolutionary to keep his "mouth shut", and each of the attendees had been invited because he is a revolutionary.

In expanding upon the subjects, KOEN stated that the enemy had recently subjected their groups to extreme harassment and injustice.

KOEN stated very recently the offices of the "National Black Liberators" in St. Louis had been raided by police, without cause, on two or three occasions; the doors of the offices of the "Black Egyptians" in East St. Louis had been kicked down by the police; a primarily women's school in East St. Louis had been raided by police who found only two guns and a knife after a thorough search; but most significant was because of the mass shooting which had occurred the previous week in East St. Louis which resulted in the deaths of four Negroes and the injuring of two others who were presently on the critical list.

KOEN did not restate the details of the above incident except to the extent it involved six magazine salesmen, two of whom KOEN stated were legitimate, and the other four were undercover police officers.

KOEN stated that as a result of the above, one "SWEDE" JEFFREYS, a leader of the "WarLords" of East St. Louis, was unjustly arrested and charged with four counts of murder.

KOEN stated JEFFREYS was arrested on the basis of an identification by one of the men who had been shot and died, but identified JEFFREYS while under the influence of narcotics before death.

KOEN stated that the "War Lords" of East St. Louis, led by one "POPS", in attendance at the meeting, and described as about 40-45 years of age, was planning to follow one of two courses of action:

1. To go with a group directly to the jail where JEFFREYS is located and kill everyone necessary to free JEFFREYS.

2. To commence a planned, but random killing of the enemy one at a time in retaliation.

KOEN stated he, KOEN, believed careful planning should be done; that the possible loss of several might not be worth more than the rescue of only one, but whatever course of action they, the "War Lords", decided to follow, they had the complete support and encouragement of KOEN.

KOEN stated that EDWARD CRAWFORD, who was to have attended the meeting, was to have rendered assistance or advice to the "War Lords" in the course of action they decided to follow.

KOEN stated the number one weapon of their groups is explosives, and that guns are secondary for use as a last resort.

KOEN stated all the groups in East St. Louis have good contacts for explosives in that area, have some available or access to it at the present time, and additionally have a "Black Egyptian" available, who is a former serviceman and a demolition expert, not further identified except located in East St. Louis.

KOEN thereafter discussed the establishment of a Central Office for the Midwest area, and stated that although Chicago is being considered, Springfield is presently the first choice despite the fact there are more transportation problems involved in travel to and from that city.

KOEN stated it is tentatively planned that a Midwest Conference of all groups will be held February 8, 1969, in Chicago, Illinois, meeting site not designated, but one of the purposes will be to name or select a Midwest Council of representatives from the various groups.

KOEN thereafter discussed generalities and stated he had just returned, no specifics disclosed, from a visit and conference in New York City, New York, with H. RAP BROWN, former National SNCC Chairman, and had also just completed a trip to California relative to the Black Panther Party (BPP).

Further information concerning the Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

KOEN stated that he thereafter contacted National SNCC leader PHILIP HUTCHINGS telephonically relative to his California travel and was advised by HUTCHINGS that he, KOEN, had violated SNCC policy in meeting with the BPP.

KOEN stated that partly, as a result of the above, he was leaving within a few days to attend a conference in Connecticut, and would thereafter return to New York City for further conferences, at the conclusion of which he believed he would return to California and attempt to resolve the differences within the BPP.

KOEN thereafter indicated another meeting was to be held at the same address in Springfield in the immediate future with some of the representatives of the various newspapers and publications of the various groups with whom they are associated, and the entire meeting was thereafter concluded.

On February 7, 1969 [redacted] advised that on January 21, 1969, three automobiles were rented in the ordinary course of business in conjunction with the Westinghouse Learning Corporation, East St. Louis, Illinois [redacted] further advised that HENLAY FOSTER, JOHN E. CAMPBELL and FRANK E. BENDER, employed by the Westinghouse Corporation, rented automobiles in the name of NED CHALKER in his capacity with Westinghouse, due to the fact that their credit would not permit them to rent the cars in their own names.

[redacted] further advised that he had no information concerning where these automobiles were driven and neither could he furnish

any information concerning any recent activity on the part of area militants in Springfield, Illinois.

On February 23, 1969 [redacted] advised that the first SNCC National Political Conference previously scheduled for March 1, 1969, in Atlanta, Georgia, had been changed to East St. Louis, Illinois, on March 1-2, 1969, under the leadership of CHARLES KOEN, SNCC Midwest Director.

[redacted] furnished the following information on March 1-2, 1969:

A SNCC sponsored conference of Black militant youth organizations was held in East St. Louis, Illinois, on March 1-2, 1969. The conference was headed by CHARLES KOEN, former Prime Minister of the militant Black Liberators, St. Louis, Missouri. KOEN is currently acting as Midwest Director for SNCC, a nation-wide militant Negro civil rights organization. Local militant Negro youth groups were represented at the conference by the following:

CHARLES JEFFRIES - Warlords, East St. Louis;
BENNIE PRICE, Black Culture, Inc., East St. Louis;
CARL BELL, Black Egyptians, East St. Louis;
FRANK WASHINGTON, a General in Black Liberators, St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] advised that three workshops were planned for the conference as follows:

1. To obtain the different view points of different individuals representing the different organizations;

2. To determine the divide and conquer methods which normally used to cause internal strife between organizations and individuals within the movement;

3. To determine resources in the community for survival and local control of Black communities.

According to [redacted] persons addressing the conference concerning the possibilities of the Black community owning low income housing, were Mrs. YVETTE YOUNGE, an East St. Louis Negro Civic leader, and Mrs. IDA B. CURTIS, Deputy Director, North Central Regional Housing Office of the Foundation for Cooperative Housing. 111

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A panel discussion concerning use of the news media was held by the following newspapermen:

EUGENE REDMOND and CLYDE JORDAN of the East St. Louis, Illinois, "Monitor";

ROY WILLIAMS, Editor of "Plain Truth", Champaign, Illinois;

JOHN HOLMES, "Black Unity" newspaper, Carbondale, Illinois.

[redacted] furnished the following information on March 1-2, 1969:

CHARLES KOEN of SNCC organized and acted as Chairman of the conference of Black militant organizations held on March 1-2, 1969, at 455 North 9th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. The building at that address has formerly been occupied by the Summers College of Commerce and this building has been donated to the Lutheran Church which sponsors the Warlords of East St. Louis.

The nonmilitant Negroes who addressed the conference concerning housing and the news media were informed that the purpose of the meeting was to seek means of avoiding violence and lessening racial tension in the East St. Louis area. However, the tenor of the meeting indicated that it was for the purpose of stirring up Black Nationalism. There was some discussion concerning a trend toward calculating genocide against the Black people and elimination of Black leaders by white people. Approximately 60 persons attended the conference on March 1, 1969. Those in attendance included representatives of all three of the Black militant groups of East St. Louis, Illinois. Those known to [redacted] included the following:

From Black Culture, Inc., were EUGENE REDMOND, PERCY SMITH, DWIGHT SMITH, RAYMOND SHARP and BENNIE PRICE;

From the Black Egyptians were CARL BELL, KALEY PAYTON and FRANK SMITH;

The Warlords were represented by their leader CHARLES "SWEDE" JEFFRIES.

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[redacted] furnished the following information on March 2, 1969:

Approximately 45 persons attended the conference on March 2, 1969. The conference was led by CHARLES KOEN. Also in attendance was KATHERINE DUNHAM, listed Negro Choreographer, who is currently employed as artist-in-residence at Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis, Illinois. The general discussion at the conference was for the purpose of settling the differences of the various groups represented at the meeting so that they could unite in the revolutionary struggle for freedom of the Black people. There was also discussion concerning means of acquiring firearms, including burglary of hardware and gun stores. There was discussion concerning ridding the Black movement of "Uncle Toms". Also discussed was the problem of members being arrested and the Black support they are getting. It was indicated that the group intended to publish a newsletter in the near future. No plans were made. A closed session of about 20 persons began about 4:30 p.m.

[redacted] furnished the following information on March 2, 1969:

With the exception of KALEY PAYTON of the Black Egyptians, who is friendly with CHARLES KOEN, the militants of East St. Louis, Illinois, are opposed to CHARLES KOEN. They regard KOEN as an outsider who is attempting to intrude upon their territory. The March 1-2, 1969 conference in East St. Louis, organized by KOEN, was foisted upon the militants of East St. Louis under the pretext that KOEN could bring in some other cities leaders who could advise as to what action should be taken by the local militants, legal or otherwise, concerning the following incident:

CHARLES "SWEDE" JEFFRIES, leader of the Warlords, spent about three weeks in jail in January and February, 1969, after being identified as one of a group of young Negroes claiming to be Warlords, who in East St. Louis fired on a group of young out-of-town Negro magazine salesmen, killing four and wounding three. JEFFRIES was released from jail on that charge after passing a lie detector test. JEFFRIES has since then been considering legal action against the East St. Louis Police Department, St. Clair County States Attorney, and the victims who identified him as their assailant because

of the above arrest. CHARLES KOEN recently lost favor with the group of Black Liberators in St. Louis, Missouri, which had been formed by KOEN. KOEN is now, in effect, a militant without a group. Although KOEN has the title of Midwest Director of SNCC, SNCC has never had any following in the St. Louis area. KOEN is currently using SNCC as a vehicle in an attempt to obtain a power base for himself in East St. Louis. It appears this attempt will be doomed because of resentment against KOEN in the East St. Louis area.

According to [redacted] YVETTER YOUNGE, mentioned previously, is a Negro native of East St. Louis, about 49 years of age, who is an attorney, and is the wife of East St. Louis Negro attorney RICHARD YOUNGE, who represented CHARLES KOEN concerning KOEN's arrest in East St. Louis in the spring of 1968. YVETTER YOUNGE has shown no indication of militancy.

According to [redacted] CLYDE JORDAN, mentioned previously, is editor and publisher of the East St. Louis, Illinois, "Monitor", a weekly Negro newspaper in which JORDAN prints both the conservative and militant Negro points of view. CLYDE JORDAN is also an Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of East St. Louis, is a member of the East St. Louis School Board, and is also a member of the Illinois State Housing Board.

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, is a nonmembership organization, which was born out of the sit-in movement that erupted across the South beginning in 1960.

Today SNCC identifies itself as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

According to SNCC the year 1967 marked a historic milestone in the struggle for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. SNCC declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus--the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great."

From May, 1966, until May, 1967, STOKELY CARMICHAEL was National Chairman of SNCC. As of July, 1968, CARMICHAEL resided in Washington, D.C., where he was affiliated with SNCC and active as temporary chairman of a black coalition group. In May, 1967, CARMICHAEL was replaced by HUBERT GEROID BROWN, commonly known as H. RAP BROWN, who served until June, 1968.

In June, 1968, at the Staff and Central Committee meeting of SNCC held in Atlanta, Georgia, it was decided to restructure the organization by equalization of responsibility by creating ten deputy or vice-chairmanships. The primary purpose for this change is to take law enforcement pressure off any single individual.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it.

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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